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MICON, KLINKER: STATE APPROVES FUNDING FOR PURDUE VET SCHOOL

INDIANAPOLIS – State Reps. Joe Micon (D-West Lafayette) and Sheila J. Klinker (D-Lafayette) announced today that Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine will be able to proceed with nearly \$1 million in improvements to its campus facilities in Lynn Hall, thanks to an appropriation approved by the State Budget Committee.

During the group's monthly business meeting at the Statehouse, committee members endorsed a \$992,000 request to remodel the school's junior surgery suite, located in the basement of Lynn Hall. Financing for the project will come from departmental and gift funds.

"This project calls for remodeling the main surgical theater, animal room, surgeon's prep room and two kennels," Micon said.

"This junior surgery suite has been in use for decades, and there is a distinct need to improve facilities to make sure that standards of sanitation and animal care remain high," he continued. "By completing this project, Purdue also will be able to complete its accreditation with the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory and Animal Care."

Micon and Klinker noted that the project would provide a needed upgrade to one of the oldest and most respected veterinary schools in the country.

"Purdue's vet school has a long history of providing quality care to large and small animals, a record of service that is recognized throughout the world," Klinker said. "It has an outstanding internship program and has generated acclaim for its research programs.

"A first class program deserves first class facilities, and Rep. Micon and I are pleased that the State Budget Committee has agreed to provide support toward that goal," she added. "The ultimate beneficiaries of today's actions will be those young men and women who choose to pursue the veterinary sciences as a career in the years to come."

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